

Agriculture Committee on Tuesday, January 20, at nine o'clock.

Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 284-297 by title for the first time. See pages 166-70 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: There is a motion on the desk. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, pursuant to Reference Committee action this morning, Senator Labedz has filed a motion to suspend Rule 3, Section 13, so as to permit cancellation of public hearing on LB 67.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that we are going to need 30 votes to adopt this motion to suspend the rules to cancel a hearing. So, hopefully, as I look around the room, I don't think there are 30 senators on the floor but I am sure that we can call the house, but I would rather they be here for the discussion. So what I would ask those that are listening, if they are in their office, that we would appreciate them coming to the floor because this is a very important issue to some. I would ask you to vote in favor of the rule suspension today because the Executive Board, which is acting as the Reference Committee, has decided to refer bills dealing with liability and civil procedure to the Judiciary Committee rather than the Banking Committee. One bill which was rereferred today was LB 67 which had been scheduled by the Banking Committee for hearing next Tuesday. Our rules state that seven days' notice are required for cancellation of hearings, which is why we must suspend the rule today. I am sure that Senator Chambers, who made the motion to rerefer these bills in the Exec Board hearing, today will have something to say because it was his eloquence which encouraged the Executive Board to adopt this referencing policy. I urge you to vote to suspend the bill...this rule, I'm sorry.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Morehead, please.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, since this is a bill that I introduced that has been turned into a volley ball, I guess that I would oppose the suspension because it was originally referred back to the Banking and Insurance Committee and I think that that is an appropriate place for it to be. It is an issue dealing with insurance and I think that it is appropriately there and it has been scheduled for hearing